Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for receiving an animal control signal, said apparatus comprising:

a receiver for receiving an animal control signal from a transmitter, wherein said animal control signal is received without said receiver transmitting a signal to indicate to said transmitter the presence of said animal in a target zone**, said target zone extending from said transmitter to a predetermined distance away from said transmitter**;

a memory for storing an identifier, wherein said identifier is associated with one of a plurality of animals in a household;

a processor configured to initiate a routine for application of a correction signal to said animal if said animal control signal received from said transmitter matches said identifier **so as to encourage said animal to leave said target zone and not come too close to said transmitter**.

2. (Original) The apparatus as described in claim 1 and further comprising:
    a correction signal generator coupled with said processor.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as described in **claim 2** ~~claim 1~~ wherein said correction signal generator is configured to generate a sound in the audible range of said animal.

4. (Original) The apparatus as described in claim 2 wherein said correction signal generator is configured to generate a voltage for application to said animal.

5. (Original) The apparatus as described in claim 1 and further comprising:
    a collar for said animal.

6. (Original) The apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein said animal control signal comprises:

a header;

a payload comprising at least eight bits wherein said payload comprises only two binary data "ones".

7. (Original) The apparatus as described in claim 6 wherein said payload identifies at least 21 different animals.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of receiving an animal control signal, said method comprising:

receiving an animal control signal from a transmitter, wherein said animal control signal is received without said receiver transmitting a signal to indicate to said transmitter the presence of said animal in a target zone**, said target zone extending from said transmitter to a predetermined distance away from said transmitter**;

storing an identifier in a memory, wherein said identifier is associated **with** one of a plurality **of** animals in a household;

providing a processor configured to initiate a routine for application of a correction signal to said animal if said animal control signal received from said transmitter matches said identifier **so as to encourage said animal to leave said target zone and not come too close to said transmitter**.

9. (Original) The method as described in claim 8 and further comprising:

generating a correction signal for use by said routine.

10. (Original) The method as described in claim 9 wherein said generating a correction signal comprises generating a sound in the audible range of said animal.

11. (Original) The method as described in claim 9 wherein said generating a correction signal comprises generating a voltage for application to said animal.

12.   (Original) The method as described in claim 8 and further comprising:

        providing a collar for use with said correction signal generator.

13.   (Original) The method as described in claim 8 wherein said receiving an animal control signal comprises:

        receiving header information;

        receiving a payload comprising at least eight bits wherein said payload comprises only two binary data "ones".

14.   (Original) The method as described in claim 13 wherein said payload identifies at least 21 different animals.

15.   (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting an animal control signal for use in creating an avoidance zone in which said animal is not permitted, said method comprising:

        providing a transmitter for use in creating an avoidance zone **proximate to said transmitter**;

        configuring said transmitter to be capable of storing a plurality of identifiers wherein each of said plurality of identifiers is associated with a corresponding animal in a household;

        selecting one of said plurality of identifiers;

        repeatedly transmitting from said transmitter an **automated** animal control signal matching said selected identifier without receiving via an animal control receiver a signal to indicate to said transmitter the presence of said animal in said **avoidance** ~~target~~ zone.

16.   (Original) The method as described in claim 15 wherein said transmitting from said transmitter said animal control signal comprises:

        transmitting a header;

        transmitting a payload comprising at least eight bits wherein said payload comprises only two binary ones.

17.   (Original) The apparatus as described in claim 16 wherein said payload identifies at least 21 different instructions.

18.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus for transmitting an animal control signal, said apparatus comprising:

a transmitter;

a memory configured for storing a plurality of identifiers wherein each of said plurality of identifiers is associated with one of a plurality of animals in a household;

a processor operable for selecting one of said plurality of identifiers;

wherein said transmitter is operable for **repeatedly** transmitting an **automated** animal control signal matching said selected identifier.

19.   (Original) The apparatus as described in claim 18 wherein said animal control signal comprises:

a header;

a payload comprising at least eight bits wherein said payload comprises only two binary ones.

20.   (Original) The apparatus as described in claim 19 wherein said payload identifies at least 21 different instructions.